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S.N. 10/707,723

REMARKS

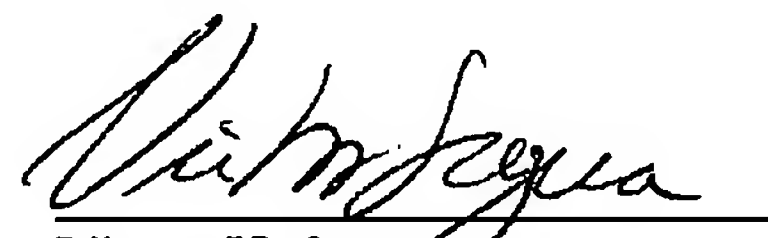
Claims 1, 8-10, 19-21, 23, 26, 31-32 and 34 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by US 6,127,661 (Fry). Claims 2-7, 11-18, 22, 24 25, 27-30 and 33 are noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 10, 21, and 26 to respectively incorporate the limitations of allowable claims 5, 14, 25, and 27. Dependent claims 2, 3, 6, 11, 12, 15 and 28 have been amended for consistency. No new matter has been introduced by amendment. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be advantageous in advancing the issuance of this application, a call to the undersigned at (281) 285-4562 is highly encouraged.

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